

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-38, and 48 are pending in the present application. Claims 39-47, which were withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement, have been canceled herein. No new matter has been entered.

The Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the above remarks and amendments, the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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